



A change in the weather this week

15 August 2016 - This week will start off very warm and sunny for many, before it turns more unsettled by the weekend.

As expected the week has started on a fine note in many areas, although the airflow is from a southeasterly direction rather than the southerly from Spain and north Africa that had been expected last week. This means the air will not be as hot and humid as it could have been.

Chief Meteorologist Paul Gundersen said: "The first half of the week will be fine for most of us with plenty of warm sunshine and temperatures reaching the mid to high 20s Celsius, though 30C is no longer expected.

"It does not look like the fine spell will last into the coming weekend. From Wednesday onwards there will be a gradual change to more unsettled conditions from the southwest, particularly at the end of the week."

Conditions should remain fine in the far north and northeast of the UK until the weekend but elsewhere **frontal systems** are likely to bring some rain, which could be thundery at times. This coming weekend looks to be a marked contrast to the last few days with an area of **low pressure** moving in from the Atlantic.

With a mix of fine weather and changeable conditions this week, there are still plenty of opportunities to get out and about. **VisitEngland** Director Patricia Yates said: "Record numbers of Brits have been taking holidays at home and with so much going on this summer it's another fantastic week to get out and explore the huge range of quality destinations and events on offer across the country whether on a seaside, countryside or city-break."

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